

## 51127 to 51141—Continued.

51141. *TILMIA CARYOTAEOFOLIA* (H. B. K.) O. F. Cook. Phœnicaceæ.(*Martinezia caryotaefolia* H. B. K.)

Palm.

*Spiny fishtail.* A small graceful Colombian palm, 30 feet in height, with an erect, closely ringed stem copiously armed with slender stiff black spines, 2 to 3 inches long; the rachis and midribs also bear these spines, though not so profusely. The spreading and drooping bright-green pinnate leaves, 4 to 5 feet long, are terminal. Each elongate leaflet is 9 to 12 inches long, more or less 3-lobed, and inserted by a broad base to the scurfy rachis. The yellow-green pistillate flowers are followed by globose drupes. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, pl. 6854.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 25944.

51142. *GUNDELIA TOURNEFORTII* L. Asteraceæ.

From Jerusalem, Palestine. Seeds presented by Mr. J. Ettinger, director, Agriculture and Colonization Department, Zionist Commission. Received August 21, 1920.

*Accoub de Syrie.* A spiny composite from Persia with buttonlike flower buds, about the size of a large strawberry, which, when boiled and served with butter, make an extremely satisfactory dish. This delicious vegetable is said to be the equal of asparagus and more delicate in flavor than artichokes. The plant is perennial, requires four years to attain maximum production, and is as long lived, perhaps, as asparagus. (Adapted from *Bulletin, Société de National Acclimatation de France*, vol. 34, p. 450.)

## 51143 to 51154.

From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky, Jardin d'Acclimatation. Received August 24, 1920. Quoted notes by Doctor Proschowsky.

51143. *ALBIZZIA CHINENSIS* (Osbeck) Merr. Mimosaceæ.(*A. stipulata* Boiv.)

"A small tree."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42356.

51144. *ELAEODENDRON CAPENSE* Eckl. and Zeyh. Celastraceæ.

"A small evergreen tree of very regular, straight growth; very hardy here."

51145. *GENISTA MONOSPERMA* (L.) Lam. Fabaceæ.

"A very graceful bush, much cultivated here for its beautiful white, fragrant flowers which are exported in early spring. Very resistant to drought."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 10698.

51146. *GLADIOLUS SEGETUM* Ker. Iridaceæ.

Gladiolus.

"One of the most beautiful wild flowers here. Might perhaps be used for hybridization, if such has not yet been the case."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 27844.

51147. *GREWIA OCCIDENTALIS* L. Tilliaceæ.

"A large evergreen bush with violet flowers."

51148. *LIMONIUM FRUTICANS* (Webb) Kuntze. Plumbaginaceæ.(*Statice fruticans* Webb.)

Sea lavender.